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The relevance of German references DE 198 32 625 and DE 198 47 987 to the subject matter of the present invention is given in the Background and Summary of the Invention in the specification of the present invention.

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In compliance with the concise explanation requirement under 37 CFR §1.98(a)(3) for foreign language documents, Applicant encloses herewith a copy of a corresponding foreign Search Report citing such documents, together with an

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